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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 3174.1012004	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US2004/019917	International filing date (day/month/year) 21/06/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 21/06/2003
Applicant APEILIS, INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 15. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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6. With regards to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G06K9/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 G06K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, INSPEC

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 061 463 A (PHILLIPS NICHOLAS J ET AL) 9 May 2000 (2000-05-09) column 9, lines 13-42	25, 27-31
A	the whole document	1-24, 26, 32-124
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A	<p>M.P. GEORGES, V.S. SCAUFLAIRE, P.C. LEMAIRE: "Compact and portable holographic camera using photorefractive crystals. Application in various metrological problems" APPL. PHYS. B, vol. 72, 20 April 2001 (2001-04-20), pages 761-765, XP002304057 the whole document</p> <p>-----</p>	1-124

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Information on patent family members

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant APRILIS, INC.		

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-25, 82-106, 163, 164-168, 175-179, 186

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-25,82-106,163,164-168,175-179,186

Feature detection in biometric images

2. claims: 26-38,107-119,169,180

Storage and compression of biometric images

3. claims: 39-70,120-151,170-173,181-184

Retrieval and comparison of biometric images

4. claims: 71-81,152-162,174,185

General-purpose image processing operations

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X	<p>JIANG X ET AL: "Detecting the fingerprint minutiae by adaptive tracing the gray-level ridge" PATTERN RECOGNITION, ELSEVIER, KIDDLINGTON, GB, vol. 34, no. 5, May 2001 (2001-05), pages 999-1013, XP004321319 ISSN: 0031-3203 Section 2. "Adaptive tracing the ridge of a fingerprint", Section 3. "Minutiae detection", Section 4. "Post-processing" ----- -/--</p>	<p>1-25, 82-106, 163-168, 175-179, 186</p>

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A	VIZCAYA P R ET AL: "MULTI-RESOLUTION FUZZY APPROACH FOR SINGULARITY DETECTION IN FINGERPRINT IMAGES" 19 November 1996 (1996-11-19), PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPIE, SPIE, BELLINGHAM, VA, US, PAGE(S) 46-56 , XP000957351 ISSN: 0277-786X the whole document -----	1-25, 82-106, 163-168, 175-179, 186